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The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Salmimaa. Claim 1 is directed to a mobile communication device that dynamically updates an event list responsive to an occurrence of a designated event (e.g., a missed phone call). The mobile communications device associates each occurrence of the event in the event list with a menu item in a hierarchical menu to provide a shortcut to the menu item. Selecting an event from the event list invokes the associated menu item for the user. Thus, the user need not navigate a complex menu system manually. Salmimaa fails to disclose these aspects of Applicant's claimed invention.

In Salmimaa, an icon generator generates and displays an icon associated with a message received by a mobile terminal. The mobile terminal prioritizes the icons based on a set of user-defined criteria. For example, icons associated with messages that the user deems important are enlarged to appear larger on the display. Icons associated with messages that the user deems less important appear smaller on the display.

Salmimaa does not disclose that the mobile terminal associates the icons with a menu item on a hierarchical menu. Rather, the icons are conventionally associated with application programs. *Salmimaa*, col. 6, II. 39-46. These application programs include document viewers, document editors, and web browsing applications stored on the mobile terminal device. Selecting the icon in Salmimaa simply invokes the application program associated with the icon. Thus, the icons in Salmimaa are actually nothing more than conventional shortcut icons designed to launch an application program. Salmimaa never suggests associating the icons with a particular menu item in a hierarchical menu.

In short, Salmimaa does not teach associating the icons with menu items and, therefore, necessarily fails to teach invoking an associated menu item upon selecting an icon. Salmimaa simply prioritizes certain icons by making them appear larger or smaller on the display

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according to criteria predefined by the user. Because Salmimaa fails to teach these elements of claim 1, the Salmimaa patent fails to anticipate claim 1 under § 102.

The Examiner also rejected claims 10, 19, and 28 under § 102(e) as being anticipated by Salmimaa for reasons similar to those stated with respect to claim 1. However, claims 10, 19, and 28 all contain language similar to that of claim 1. Therefore, for the reasons stated above, Salmimaa fails to anticipate any of claims 10, 19, and 28 under § 102(e). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

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